



Van Riper State Park

All programs meet at the Campfire Circle unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday July 15:

Robust Rodents, 12PM

We have all kinds of little rodents running around Van Riper! After learning about a few of them, we'll try to find our own on a short hike!

Discovery Table, 2PM near the Beach Building

Take a look and see if you can identify the different mammal pelts and tracks!

Wednesday July 16:

Elk, Moose and Deer Oh My!, 12PM

Try your hand at some trivia about our large, hooved mammals (aka ungulates!) in Michigan. Learn something new and maybe even walk away with a small prize!

Mischievous Raccoons , 3PM at the Playground Area

Learn what makes these crafty critters so darn mischievous. Then we'll see how well you'd do as a raccoon.

Thursday July 17:

Predators vs Prey, 2PM

Michigan is home to so many types of mammals. Learn why some mammals like to hunt and others like to hide and then try your own hand at both in a fun game!

Coyotes vs. Wolves, 7PM

Learn the differences between wolves and coyotes and what makes each unique.

Friday July 18:

Camouflage Hike!, 2PM

We've all played hide and seek before, but some mammals are real experts at it! Learn how some of our local critters hide in plain sight and see if you can do the same!

The Fabulous Fox, 4PM at the Playground Area

Learn about these sneaky canines and what role they play in a forest's ecology.

Bear Necessities, 7PM

Learn about these large furry mammals and what they need to survive! Then see if you'd be able to survive a year as a bear yourself.

Saturday July 19:

Tricky Tracks, 2PM

Identifying mammal tracks can be a challenge sometimes. During this program, we'll learn a few tricks to identifying a few of them and then you can put your knowledge to the test!

Flying Mammals, 7PM

Though you may not always see them, bats are important to their ecosystems. Learn how and have some fun playing games at this "batty" program.